

At our meeting in La Jolla, the SDT discussed ways in which we can further refine the list of “Big Things” that would be addressed during ABoVE in order to identify the major themes for the campaign. One way to do this is to expand the “Big Thing” each one of us has identified to include the four questions (see attached figure). For example, if your big thing focused on an ecosystem change (Q1), you would then identify the key driver for that change (Q2), the ecosystem service(s) impacted by the change (Q3), and possible societal responses to the change (Q4). The following is an example such a grouping:

(Q1) Post-fire changes in vegetation recovery

(Q2) Variations in burned area and fire severity

(Q3) Subsistence and non-subsistence resources; Climate regulation

(Q4) Changes in subsistence practices; Changes in wildlife management policies; Changes in wildfire management policies; Changes in policies regulating GHGs

When everyone provides their examples, they will be compiled and discussed during one of the SDT teleconferences prior to the 2nd SDT meeting.